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1. JANUARY 15 GENERAL DEBATE, LIKE PREVIOUS DAY'S PRODUCED NO REAL SURPRISES. USSR AMB MALIK GAVE EXCEPTIONALLY RAMBLING, REPETITIVE AND INEFFECTIVE STATEMENT, AND THEN GOT INTO FIERCE SCRAP WITH CHINESE OVER WHO IS ARABS' BEST FRIEND. BRITISH OUTLINED THREE AIMS FOR SC, ONE OF THEM BEING RECOGNITION OF "THE LEGITIMATE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". (OTHER TWO AIMS WERE

(A) REAFFIRMATION OF 242 AND 338 AND (B) ASSISTING THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, "WITH THE PARTICIPATION IN THEM AS APPROPRIATE OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED".) CHINESE LAUNCHED THEIR STANDARD ATTACK ON SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY. NICEST SURPRISE OF DAY WAS BENIN'S RELATIVELY BALANCED SPEECH.

2. AT A MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN, ISRAELI AMB HERZOG SAID THE SC DEBATE CONFIRMED ISRAEL'S EVALUATION THAT IT WOULD CONFUSE MATTERS AND DESTROY THE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK. HE SAID ISRAEL BELIEVES GENEVA IS THE ONLY PLACE FOR DISCUSSION, AND THE CONFERENCE MUST CONVENE WITH THE ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS. HE ADDED, ACCORDING TO USIA ACCOUNT, THAT IF ARABS WANT TO CONSIDER OTHER PARTICIPATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES, THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. (JOURNALISTS TELL US THEY ASKED HERZOG QUESTIONS AFTER THE CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO MAKE HIM SAY ISRAEL WOULD REJECT PLO PARTICIPATION, BUT HE WOULD NOT.)

3. MAJOR STATEMENTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND
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